

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-58 (canceled).

59 (currently amended). An electronic tracking system for a combination of sporting articles consisting of a plurality of structurally different sporting articles including a retaining mechanism for a sport shoe and a sport shoe, comprising

- (a) at least two code transmitters integrated respectively in the retaining mechanism for the sport shoe and in the sport shoe and assigned to the retaining mechanism and the sport shoe,
  - (1) at least one of the code transmitters assigned to the retaining mechanism containing and displaying data relating the properties and/or settings of the retaining mechanism, and
  - (2) at least one of the code transmitters assigned to the sport shoe containing and displaying data relating the properties and/or settings of the sport shoe, and
- (b) at least one control unit for contactlessly detecting the data of the code transmitters integrated respectively in the retaining mechanism for the sport shoe and in the sport shoe, the control unit being arranged to ~~check and~~

~~detect the correct matching of the sporting articles~~  
analyze the data and to ascertain whether the retaining  
mechanism for the sport shoe and of the sport shoe have  
the properties and/or settings to make their combination  
safe.

60 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein the control unit has a maximum detection range of 3 m.

61 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 60, wherein the control unit has a maximum detection range of 1 m.

62 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein the retaining mechanism is a board-type runner device.

63 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein at least one of the code transmitters is designed to communicate with other code transmitters and/or at least one of the control units.

64 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein the control unit is a software-operated,

commercially available portable computer.

65 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 64, wherein the computer has at least one interface for local or remote transmission of signals and data via a local-area or global network.

66 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein the control unit is a so-called palmtop or a mobile telephone.

67 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein the control unit is a computer in the form of a wrist watch which can be worn on the human body and is supplied by an electric mains network or a separate power supply.

68 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein the control unit is a software-operated mobile telephone for UMTS mobile telephone networks.

69 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein a plurality of the code transmitters of the sport articles belonging together or intended to be used together have a code that cannot be mistaken for codes of other

sport article groups.

70 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein at least one of the code transmitters contains and displays physiological and/or performance-related data pertaining to a user.

71 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 70, wherein at least one of the control units can be worn on the body and contains and displays physiological and/or performance-related data pertaining to a user.

72 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein at least one of the control units is stationary and disposed at an access area to a sports facility.

73 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein at least one of the control units has a visual and/or acoustic output device for issuing information.

74 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein at least one of the sporting articles has a visual and/or acoustic output device for issuing information.

75 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein at least one of the code transmitters contains and displays personal data and owner-related data.

76 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein at least one of the control units checks the data of the code transmitters assigned to the retaining mechanism and the sport shoe to ascertain that they are correctly used and that they belong together.

77 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein at least one of the control units checks the date of the code transmitter assigned to the retaining mechanism and the data of a code transmitter of a user or of a personal, user-side control unit to ensure correct use and that they belong to each other.

78 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein at least one of the control units has a standard communication interface for loading and/or downloading data from and/or to a public communication network.

79 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein the data of at least one of the code transmitters are codes or pointers for data sets stored in at

least one of the control units and/or in an external data network.

80 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 59, wherein the data of the code transmitters can be fixed and/or edited exclusively by an authorized point.

81 (previously presented) The electronic tracking system of claim 59, comprising a sensor connected to at least one of the code transmitters for detecting system-related parameters or changing parameter values.

82 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 81, wherein the sensor is designed to detect a release force of the retaining mechanism.

83 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 81, wherein the sensor is designed to detect a Z-value setting of a safety ski binding.

84 (previously presented). An electronic tracking system for a combination of sporting articles consisting of a plurality of structurally separate sporting articles including sporting articles designed for use in pairs, comprising  
(a) at least two code transmitters assigned to the pairs of

sporting articles, at least one of the code transmitters signaling intended use on the left and/or right, and  
(b) a network for transmitting data between the code transmitters and at least one control unit for detecting that the sporting articles are used on the intended side.

85 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 84, wherein at least one of the control units distinguishes between a sporting article intended for use on the right-hand and/or left-hand side and checks that they are being used correctly.

86 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 84, wherein the sporting articles designed for use in pairs are board-type runner devices, further comprising a code transmitter assigned to a sport shoe, and at least one of the control units checking the use of at least one of the board-type runner devices on the designated side of a user.

87 (previously presented). The electronic tracking system of claim 84, wherein at least one of the code transmitters and of control units keeps a constant log of changing data and stores at least the last up-to-date set of data in a memory device.

88 (previously presented). An electronic tracking system for a combination of sporting articles consisting of a

plurality of structurally separate sporting articles,  
comprising

- (a) at least two code transmitters respectively assigned to two sporting articles,
- (b) at least one control unit in contactless communication with the code transmitters for communication between the code transmitters and the control unit over a range of 30 m,
  - (1) at least one code transmitter and/or the control unit has a distance-measuring system for determining the distance from a possible communication response point, and
  - (2) the control unit has a programming mode enabling the code transmitters to detect the sporting articles of the combination automatically.